

## Section 401 Water Quality Certification Public Notice

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing an application for the following project for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

We encourage public comments on the proposed work, which will be considered in the decision on certification. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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**Project Applicant:** Caltrans District 5 – Randy LaVack

**Applicant's Agent:** Caltrans District 5 – Barrett Holland

**Project Name:** Salinas Box Culvert (Andree Bird Refuge Culvert) Maintenance Project

**Receiving Water:** The Andree Clark Bird Refuge Lake and the Pacific Ocean

**City/County:** Santa Barbara / Santa Barbara

**Public Notice:** July 8, 2019 – July 29, 2019

**Project Description:**

The purpose of the proposed project is to remove sediment from the culvert to allow water to flow to the Andree Clark Bird Refuge and not impact State Highway 101.

The project activities include:

- Removal of sediment from the culvert on an annual or bi-annual basis using a vacuum truck, hand crews, and a tunnel mucker;
- Plugging the culvert to the north east of the Salinas box culvert to stop agricultural run-off from enter the system; and
- Removing vegetation at the outlet of the culvert with an excavator.

No mitigation proposed.

Caltrans is filing a Categorical Exemption.

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